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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

William J. IMOEHL

Application No.: 09/559,749

Filed: 30 June 2000

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
A FUEL INJECTOR SEAT

Group Art Unit: 3726

Examiner: Compton, E.

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In reply to the final Office Action issued 19 September 2001, the period for reply to which has been extended three-months, and in view of the Advisory Action issued 7 January 2002, please amend the application as follows and reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. These amendments are believed to put the application in condition for allowance, or at least in better form from appeal.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

7. (Twice amended) A method of forming a fuel injector seat, the seat having an upstream face, a downstream face, and a passage extending along an axis between the upstream face and the downstream face, the method comprising:
- forming within the passage an orifice portion proximate the downstream face and having a first transverse cross-sectional area relative to the axis;
 - forming within the passage a sealing portion proximate the upstream face and having a second transverse cross-sectional area relative to the axis that decreases at a first rate in a downstream direction from a first area to a second area;

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